

HCS SCS SB 294 -- LOTTERY AND GAMING COMMISSIONS

SPONSOR: Vogel (Mayer)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety by a vote of 17 to 0.

This substitute allows the Lottery Commission and the Gaming Commission to conduct a fingerprint background check on any person seeking employment or employed by either agency. The background check includes a check of the Missouri Criminal Records Repository and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Gaming Commission may also conduct criminal history checks on persons seeking the issuance or renewal of an excursion gambling boat license or a bingo equipment manufacturer or supplier license.

In addition, the substitute requires members of civilian review boards (which investigate complaints regarding police officers) to: (1) be at least 18 years of age; (2) be registered voters residing within the political subdivision; and (3) not have a criminal record.

FISCAL NOTE: Not available at time of printing.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the substitute states specifically that the Lottery Commission may conduct a fingerprint check on applicants if it is warranted. This must be spelled out in the statute in order to meet federal Department of Justice guidelines.

Testifying for the bill were Senator Vogel; Missouri Lottery Commission; and Missouri Gaming Commission.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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